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1. The reply filed on March 5, 2002, paper No. 8, is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The applicant elected group I, claim 1-15 and 21-26, (New claims 27-39 are added), but did not elect the specie. As mentioned on page 3 of the previous office action, the applicant is required to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits and a listing of all claims readable thereon. See 37 CFR 1.111.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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